

The Kid-Care idea began to take shape at Christmas 1989, when Carol came on a group of children eating out of a McDonalds' dumpster. "I saw Third World conditions a stone's throw from where I live," she says. Two years later, Kid-Care was created as a non-profit organization.

These days, the Porter's three-bedroom bungalow is hemmed in by Kid-Care vehicles. Industrial-size cans of beans, tomatoes, corn and spaghetti sauce line shelves tacked up in the family room. Bags of disposable diapers, bulk rice and dozens of loaves of bread are stacked alongside. In the center of the room is a banquet table, where the sandwiches are prepared in a huge assembly line. In the next room, a magnet stuck to one of four refrigerators reads, "Carol's Kitchen." "Hah!" snorts Carol. "This hasn't been my kitchen in years."

Until late last year, Kid-Care provided not only brown-bag lunches but also hot meals. That was when the Houston health department forced the Porters to suspend cooking operations until certain code violations were remedied. That problem should be solved by May. When the Porters hope to move Kid-Care into its newly acquired 11,500-square-foot building equipped to produce 4,000 hot meals a day. That is, of course, if they can increase their funding. Carol Porter's tireless fund-raising has given Kid-Care high visibility among corporations—Quaker Oats and long-distance company Heartline Communications are sponsors—but most of the current annual budget of \$500,000 comes from individual donations. The couple supplements Hurt's \$2,000-a-month stipend from Kid-Care with a contract to oversee Houston-area daycare providers for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Hurt III earns \$1,000 a month managing Kid-Care's transportation.

Carol, whose dream is to seed Kid-Care groups across the country, draws no salary. "People ask me what's in it for me," she says. "And I tell them to go the route with me and see my kids' faces. That's what's in it for me."

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, for 3 years I have made daily reports to the Senate regarding the exact Federal debt as of the previous day.

We must pray that this year, Federal spending will begin to be reduced—it hasn't yet. Indeed, if we care about America's future, Congress must face up to its responsibility to balance the Federal budget.

As of the close of business Friday, March 31, the exact Federal debt stood at \$4,864,115,841,256.92, meaning that on a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,464.61 as his or her share of the Federal debt.

It's important to note, Mr. President, that the United States had an opportunity to begin controlling the Federal debt by implementing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. Unfortunately, the Senate did not seize their first opportunity to control this debt—but rest assured they will have another chance during the 104th Congress.

If the Senate does not concentrate on getting a handle on this enormous debt, their constituents are not likely to overlook it 2 years hence.

SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH INSURANCE ACT—CONFERENCE REPORT

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume consideration of the conference accompanying H.R. 831

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The hour of 12 noon having arrived, under the previous order, the clerk will report the motion to invoke cloture.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 831, Self-Employed Health Insurance Act:

Robert Dole, Bob Packwood, John Ashcroft, Orrin Hatch, Richard Lugar, Lauch Faircloth, Larry Pressler, Thad Cochran, Trent Lott, Pete Domenici, Rick Santorum, Larry Craig, Alfonse D'Amato, Hank Brown, James Inhofe, and Slade Gorton.

CALL OF THE ROLL VITIATED

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN). Pursuant to rule XXII, the chair now directs the clerk to call the roll to ascertain the quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent—and it has been cleared by the Democratic leader—I ask unanimous consent that the live quorum under rule XXII be vitiated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the conference report accompanying H.R. 831, the Self-Employed Health Insurance Act, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are required. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DOLE. I announce that the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. ROTH], and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD] would vote "yea."

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Alabama [Mr. HEFLIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. NUNN] are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] is absent because of illness.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] would each vote "aye."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 83, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 126 Leg.]

YEAS—83

Abraham	Dorgan	McCain
Akaka	Exon	McConnell
Ashcroft	Faircloth	Mikulski
Baucus	Feingold	Moseley-Braun
Bennett	Feinstein	Moynihan
Biden	Ford	Murkowski
Bingaman	Frisk	Murray
Bond	Glenn	Packwood
Boxer	Gorton	Pell
Bradley	Grams	Pressler
Breaux	Grassley	Pryor
Brown	Gregg	Reid
Bryan	Harkin	Robb
Bumpers	Hatch	Rockefeller
Burns	Helms	Santorum
Byrd	Hollings	Sarbanes
Chafee	Inouye	Shelby
Coats	Jeffords	Simon
Cohen	Johnston	Simpson
Conrad	Kempthorne	Snowe
Coverdell	Kennedy	Specter
Craig	Kerrey	Stevens
D'Amato	Kerry	Thomas
Daschle	Kohl	Thompson
DeWine	Lautenberg	Thurmond
Dodd	Lieberman	Warner
Dole	Lugar	Wellstone
Domenici	Mack	

NOT VOTING—17

Campbell	Hutchison	Lott
Cochran	Inhofe	Nickles
Graham	Kassebaum	Nunn
Gramm	Kyl	Roth
Hatfield	Leahy	Smith
Heflin	Levin	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 83, the nays are zero. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. DODD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

PERFECT SEASON FOR UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT WOMEN

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am holding up in my hands the front page of today's Hartford Courant, which reads "Perfect." It shows a photograph of the University of Connecticut women's basketball team and the score of the game, 70 to 64, over Tennessee.

Mr. President, you will certainly appreciate the fact that there is a certain

amount of local pride in the Nutmeg State this morning. The women's basketball team completed their tremendous season, 35 and 0. It is the best record ever compiled by a men's or women's basketball team, culminating in the NCAA title against Tennessee. The other team that went undefeated, 34 and 0, was the University of Texas in 1986.

What makes this team unique is the intellectual as well as the athletic ability of its players. The star player—I am hesitant to use the word—Rebecca Lobo, was chosen first team All American and first team Academic All American the last 2 years. She is a candidate for a Rhodes scholarship and winner of every Player of the Year Award this season. She has compiled a 4.0 grade point average during her last 2 years at the University of Connecticut and is the No. 1 women's basketball player in the United States.

She is joined on that remarkable team that won the championship game yesterday by Jennifer Rizzotti, Kara Wolters, Jamelle Elliott, Pam Webber, Nakisha Sales and many other talented players. Rebecca Lobo, Jennifer Rizzotti, Kara Wolters, and Jamelle Elliott were named to the all-tournament team. It is the first time that four players from one team were named to that honor.

Mr. President, today is a day of great pride in the State of Connecticut because of the accomplishment of this great team.

I wish to pay a special tribute to Geno Auriemma, the head coach of the team, who did a remarkable job this season, and to the fans. You could not get a seat in Gampel Pavilion this year; they sold out every single game.

Mr. President, I am going to include in the RECORD as well, a couple of sidebar stories that go to the heart of a few other issues. The stories are about young women in the State of Connecticut, 9-, 10-, 12-year-olds, who were watching this team during the last year and who have become tremendous fans. It goes to the issue of title IX and the success of a program, a women's program, a basketball program. Just a few years ago you probably would have found only a handful of people watching a women's basketball game, not only at the University of Connecticut but all around the country. And today, as I mentioned a moment ago, there are sell-out audiences, sell-out crowds. This is a great tribute to title IX and those who fought so very hard for that program.

We are very proud in Connecticut today. We have always had to export our team allegiances to either the Boston Red Sox, the New York Knicks, the Mets, or others. Lately, we have had a hockey team which has not done terribly well, but now there is deep pride over this remarkable team that did a fantastic job in their quest for a national championship.

I join my colleague, Senator LIEBERMAN, who I know spoke already,

in congratulating all the people involved in this great season.

Mr. BRADLEY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. BRADLEY. Mr. President, I would like to offer my congratulations as well to the women's team at the University of Connecticut, and I would like to call attention to a quote by its star player, Rebecca Lobo, in this morning's Washington Post. When she was asked what the victory meant to her, she said:

This is just a picture-perfect way for someone to end their career. We are undefeated, we won a national championship and I did it with people I love.

Mr. President, that openness is remarkable and should be applauded, and it correctly captures the feeling among members of a 35 and 0 team that wins a championship, and that is true both of a men's team that would win a championship and a women's team that wins a championship. My hope is that someday when a men's team wins a championship, the star player can say those exact words and feel as comfortable saying them as Rebecca Lobo did yesterday.

I congratulate Connecticut for this tremendous accomplishment and Rebecca Lobo for her courage and leadership in difficult times in her own family situation, because of her mother having breast cancer, and also because of her determination that was shown every day that she went out onto the court with her teammates.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I thank my colleague from New Jersey for those comments. She is a remarkable young woman on a remarkable team, and the joy of watching them win was only exceeded by their joy in winning. There are no NBA careers in front of them. There are no six-figure, seven-figure salaries awaiting these young women—just the joy of playing the game, the joy of victory and the joy of doing it together. It needs to be heralded. It needs to be highlighted. We need to get back to that very spirit of amateur sports.

I congratulate as well the team from Tennessee. Tennessee has won several national championships in the women's basketball division. They lost to Connecticut yesterday, but they are a great team and a great champion as well. I just know we are going to see more and more of them. I think it is a wonderful thing in America to be able to watch young women get the kind of attention they did.

By the way, the President called the coach yesterday. It is the first time a President has ever called an NCAA women's champion after the title game. I congratulate and thank President Clinton for making that call to the Connecticut women's basketball team.

They went down to the White House last year and could not get in. There was a long line. They were here in the office and met with Senator LIEBERMAN

and me, but they had to go back to their schedule and practice, so they could not get in to the White House. Yesterday, the coach asked the President if this time they might be able to come through the front door of the White House. The President extended an invitation to them to visit, and it is going to be a pleasure to go there with them and have them walk in the front door of the White House as the national champions.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mrs. BOXER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California is recognized.

Mrs. BOXER. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I wish to say to the Senator from Connecticut that I share his pride in those young women. And certainly, as a woman who does not quite make 5 feet tall, I am particularly awed by these women and their skill. We still have UCLA, as you know, Mr. President, going toward a championship, we hope. But I really have to say to the Senator, it made me feel so good to watch these young women.

I do hope someday they have more of a future. If they can sink the ball in the basket with the best of them, they ought to have a chance. That is a subject for another day and another time.

SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH INSURANCE ACT—CONFERENCE REPORT

The Senate continued with the consideration of the conference report.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to now take the floor to thank the Senator from Massachusetts for what he has done by bringing forward such an important issue really, not only to the Senate but to the people of the United States of America.

We are going to see on Friday, I say to my friend, a big celebration on the steps of the Capitol. Those Republicans who signed the Contract With America are going to be celebrating and saying how great it is that they passed a number of those provisions.

Well, I think what the Senator from Massachusetts is pointing out is that there are more people than just those Republicans who are going to be celebrating; some of those people are going to be the millionaires and the billionaires who got away with it again, who again got away with what I call tax murder. I actually call them tax traitors, because what they do is they make a lot of money in this country, millions and hundreds of millions, sometimes billions, and then they renounce their citizenship to escape any kind of State taxes. I think that is unpatriotic. I think it is in many ways acting like a traitor to this Nation.

This Senate, on a very clear vote, said let us end that kind of tax loophole. The Senator from Massachusetts was completely struck, as was I and others in this Chamber, when the tax